

	8/22	8/29
Call To Worship	Jonah Dawes	Dave Rogers
Scripture Reading	Jake Garner	Ethan Boelsterli
Song Leader	Charles Nash	Brad Hopkins
Prayer	Anthony Stinson	Jimmy Garner
Preside Lord's Supper	Larry Rose	Andy Johnson
Usher	Steve Hopkins	Charles Nash
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Jonah Dawes
Response Elder	Tom Durden	Tom Durden
Shepherd's Prayer	Tom Durden	Greg Nash
<b>Evening Worship</b>		
Announcements	Jonah Dawes	Jonah Dawes
Song Leader	Stan Mitchell	Brad Hopkins
Prayer	Jim Garner	Keith Killingsworth
Sermon	Song Service	Jonah Dawes
Lord's Supper	Larry Rose	Andy Johnson
Prayer	Cliff Nash	Ray Russell

Worship Assignment Coordinator for August: JD Branch

**Communion Preparation**

Individual Sets on the table in the foyer

**Nursery**

(closed for now)

**Care of Building**

16-31 Hugh Kelly/Anthony Stinson

**Media Center**

Dennis Graham, Eric Hagin, Steve Esler, Brad Hopkins & Preston Morgan

**Wednesday Evening**

**Devotionals**

**Aug**

25 Anthony Ravenell

**Sept**

3 Jim Pelfrey  
10 Jim O'Brien  
17 David Hopkins  
24 Anthony Ravenell  
31 David Decker

**Our Mission Works**

Graham & Elizabeth McDonald  
- Scotland  
Raintree Village  
Children's Home

**Assembly Schedule: Sunday**

9:00 am Bible Classes  
10:00 am Worship Service  
5:00 pm Worship Service

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study**  
Resumes September 7, 2021

**Wednesday Evening Bible Classes at 7pm**

You Are Invited to  
Greater Atlanta's  
50th World  
Mission Forum  
October 21-24, 2021  
"To Every Nation In  
Every Generation"  
Hosted By: Forest Park  
Church of Christ

**WATCH! The Fountain of Life**  
With Larry Acuff  
Saturdays at 7 am on channel 57

**In SEARCH of the Lord's Way**  
With Phil Sanders  
Sunday at 7:30am, Stations 69 or 45  
Aug 15 I Believe The Bible  
Aug 22 I Believe in the Church  
Aug 29 ( Believe in Morality

**The Gospel of Christ**  
Red Hill church of Christ  
(McMinnville, TN) with Ben Bailey  
Sunday at 6:30 am on Station 69 or  
Comcast Station 45

**Elders**

Tom Durden	(770) 652-7389
Jim Garner	(770) 461-3197
Greg Nash	(404) 455-1546
Jim Pelfrey	(770) 629-2061

**Deacons**

Dennis Graham	Stan Mitchell
Eric Hagin	David Poskevich
David Hopkins	Anthony Ravenell
Hugh Kelly	Rick Sharpe
Andy Johnson	Jack Sorrell

**Records You Made – August 15**

Bible Classes	71-10 Units Online
10 am Worship	118-21 Units Online
5 pm Worship	68-14 Online
Offering	\$7,309.03
Wednesday Bible Study	58-15



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**Basic Facts from ... ACTS** (Part 6)

by Dave Rogers

When Paul met with the elders of the Ephesian congregation at the coastal town of Miletus, he gave them these instructions about their position in the church:

*"Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood."* (Acts 20:28, NKJ – emphasis mine, DR).

Paul's words make it very plain that God – acting through His Holy Spirit – is involved in making men elders in His church! We might naturally wonder just "how" the Holy Spirit does this, given that many in the denominations of "Christendom" claim He speaks **directly** to instruct and guide them, *apart from the bible*. If we allow the Lord to answer *through* His word, however, the explanation is very simple: The Holy Spirit makes men "pastors/bishops/overseers" when He gives the qualifications necessary for men to serve in this capacity (cf. 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9). When Christians *seek and find among themselves* such men, and acknowledge them as meeting **God's** standard, they are then made elders *by the Holy Spirit*. This means a man who is not *qualified* is *not acknowledged by the Holy Ghost*, even if he wears the title of "elder" over the Lord's people.

Paul's retelling of his conversion to Christ (Acts 22:1-16) highlights the fact that he was **not saved** while on the road to Damascus (v. 10), and it also provides the most concise summary of the **action** of baptism in all the new testament. In response to Saul's question – *"What shall I do, Lord?"* – Jesus did **not** say "you're saved now." In the very same verse, He told this penitent sinner that there were still things he needed to be told. Three days later,

Ananias told him to *"Arise, and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord"* (verse 16). **This instruction is important because it explicitly links baptism with cleansing from sin** – without this *"washing of regeneration"* (Titus 3:5), there is no contact with the blood of Christ and thus no cleansing of our sins (Ephesians 5:26-27, cf. Hebrews 10:22). When we consider the implications found in this verse, claiming to be saved before being baptized – a common doctrine in most protestant denominations – would *have* to mean that a person could be saved without being cleansed of sins.

In the interview between Paul and Felix (the Roman governor at Caesarea Philippi, Acts 24), we see the folly of procrastination and delay. Felix clearly knew what he needed to do to be saved, but he allowed the opportunity to submit and obey to pass him by instead of seizing it! The words of 2 Corinthians 6:2 are particularly appropriate here, with respect to all matters of salvation and spiritual growth: Once a person knows and understands what God requires, that person has no excuse to continue disobeying Him. Historically, by putting off obeying, Felix **lost** the opportunity for salvation (he was eventually removed by the Emperor, and died in exile).

One last point we should draw out of Acts 26:19 concerns Paul's description, to king Agrippa, of his own conversion: He says clearly that he was *"...not disobedient to the heavenly vision"* he had encountered on the road to Damascus. The noteworthy aspect of Paul's words is the fact that he **could** have disobeyed, as so many others do. Thanks be to our Father that this great man of God chose to walk in **His** wisdom and guidance instead of his own!

# Calendar

**Aug 27** — Buford COC invites you to Harvest Weekend, Speaker: Matt Cook

**Aug 16, 7pm** — Women's/Girls' Bible Study at Luann Rogers' Home

**Sept 6** — Office closed for Labor Day

**September 7th, 10 am** — Tuesday Morning Bible Study resumes.



## Bridal Shower for Paige Sullivan

**September 19, 2021, 3-4:30pm**

**in the Fellowship Hall**

**Austin & Paige are registered at:**

**[zola.com/registry/aushinandpaige21](http://zola.com/registry/aushinandpaige21)**



**September 25, 9am-12pm - Oakhill Church of Christ**  
**Ladies' Day — Speaker: Becky Blackmon**



**2021—2022**

**Lads to Leaders and Leaderettes  
season is here!**

Church family, we need your **HELP** to encourage our Bible Bowl Kids, so...

If you can provide an item for the study session, like bottled water, a snack, or a gift card for the Bible Bowl Store, please sign up to help at the tables in the foyer...it is greatly appreciated!

Your Bible Bowl Coaches

**Fall Teachers are Needed. If you would like to help see Eric Hagin.**

## Youth Calendar

28—Game Night at 6pm



29—Frog's Water Day  
after Worship  
Hot Dogs, chips, drinks  
& Cookies

Sept 1 — Mid Week Eat

11—Service Saturday

15—Singing Class

19—Teen Sing

25—Game Night at 6pm

**Oct 2** - Weekend Trip to  
Creekwood church of Christ  
in Alabama



## GSOP

1 & 11 Samuel

September 23rd at 6pm (on Zoom)

Register online:

<http://gsoponline.org/gsop-fayetteville-campus>

Instructor: Steve Vice

### WELCOME, VISITORS!

We consider it a privilege to have you worship with us today. Please stay for a few minutes after worship so we can get acquainted with you, and you with us. **Please complete an Attendance Card**, located on the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate. We have an attended nursery and a training/cry room available.

*Today's sermon can be viewed online by going to [www.fcoc.com](http://www.fcoc.com) — click on "live broadcast."*

## Family Matters

### Sympathy:

We offer sympathy to Tom & Terri Durden and their family for the loss of Terri's mother, sister Bernice Gillespie last week. The memorial will be at Fayetteville Church of Christ on Saturday, August 28th — visitation 12-2 pm, followed by the memorial service at 2pm.

Also we express our sympathy to sisters Annette Butler and Angela Hollis, and their family for the loss of their mother, Sister Equillar Butler last week. Equillar's funeral will be today at 2:00 at the church building.

Keep these families in your prayers during this time.

Prayer Request—Shanquell Sanders came forward Sunday evening to request the prayers of the church. Keep Shanquell in your prayer and help encouragement him.

### Our Sick:

Lewis Armstrong — Is having a lot of pain and not able to walk or get out of bed. If you can go by he would love to see and talk with you; he needs encouragement.

Kelly Branch — Is home recovering after surgery last Thursday.

Joan Poskevich — Will have knee surgery in August.

Doris Buckner — Is having heart issues.

Margie Fields — Is dealing with chronic health issues.

Jeffrey Jakes — Margie Field's neighbor is critical condition with covid.

### Continue Prayers for families of:

Forest & Burma Chapman — Forest is continuing under hospice care.

Also keep in prayer the family of Kathleen Garner.

### Members With Health Issues:

Wayne & Betty Jo Nash, Mary Lawrence, Ray & Tina Russell, Tom Belk, Dale & Susan Findley, Paul & Decieta Lyons, Jim & Sharon O'Brien, Linda Armstrong, Rick & Ru-Pearl Sharpe, Harry & Mattie Williams, David & Sue Riley, Dennis & Marlene Etheridge

### Shut-ins:

Lewis Armstrong, Bernice Gillespie, David Nash, Una Fortson, Forest & Burma Chapman, Joanne Crook, Kathleen Garner, Alyce Hubbert, Ruby Fowler and Jane Lankford

### Our Missionaries and their families:

Graham & Beth McDonald; Victor & Esperanza González Geronimo; Forest & Burma Chapman; Scott & Rebecca Shanahan.

### Others With Health Problems:

Zack Self, Kelly Pettus (member at Douglasville COC), Jackie & Brian Couch (Ginny's husband & son), Janet McCulloch, Mary Sanford, Richard & Dixie Harp, Maude Hornsby (Sharon O'Brien's cousin), Debbie Decker, Cheryl Richards (Tara COC), Stan Ward, Bob & Nancy Neff (Amy Nash's parents), Marvin Cook (Coney Johnson's uncle), Joyce Greene, Kathy Gullede, Evelyn Walker (Mattie Williams' sis-in-law), Sherry Etheridge & Kelly Stoneheart (Etheridge's daughters), Maggie Mills (preacher's wife at Eatonton, GA), Alvin Elder (Decieta Lyons' bro.), Ruby June Cotter (Andrew Dalman's cousin), Irving & Cornelia Rose (Larry's parents), Richard & Cathy Oliver (Brenda Mitchell's step-father & mother), Nancy Ford (Joann Crook's sister), Lil Cauthen (Poskevich family) and Joe & Judy Hand (Scoma family).

### Address Update

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Dear Fayetteville Ladies,

Thank you for the beautiful cards you send me.

You have encouraged me.

Andrew Williams